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Local designer opens The Roost in Milledgeville

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Codee Rainey had a vision in mind when she saw an old fueling station on East Hancock Street. This interior and graphic designer created a place for her studio plus a showroom and event space.

A former interior design student at UGA, 30-year-old Rainey lives in Milledgeville with her two kids and husband Ross. She learned graphic design when she started a successful gym apparel business called "Flex Till You're Famous" in 2012.

Ross Rainey works for Rossee Oil Company, a family business his grandfather started in 1945.

"We both have that entrepreneurial gene, so that helps," Rainey said. "I had never really thought about owning my own brick-and-mortar just because it's a huge undertaking."

After driving past the empty building on countless occasions, one day she decided to peek inside.

"It was the strangest thing," she said. "I could just envision every detail of how it would be."

Rainey said she got in trouble a couple of times for visiting her building before it was actually hers.

"I would just come in here and sit and look and come up with ideas of what would go where," she said.

Because of the amount of renovations

the little building needed, Rainey knew she was going to have to buy it rather than rent the space.

For a grueling two months, Rainey and her husband renovated what once was a gas station and the former home of Oconee Outfitters to the space it is today. The 1400-square-foot building had been empty for two years prior.

"It's been an adventure," Rainey's husband Ross about the process. "Working through this whole thing has helped us understand each other. I see stuff that she doesn't see, and she sees stuff that I don't see, so put it together, and we work pretty well."

While the shop is technically open for use, Rainey is still putting on the finishing touches.

The front room, named The Roost after taking inspiration from a previous sign she designed for her home, is awaiting two big farm tables from local artist Barak Wood, a custom furniture designer.

"It's gonna more or less be a showroom for local craftsmen and artists," Rainey said.

That's in part why the event and showroom space is named The Roost while the second half is called Codee Rainey Designs.

"I didn't want everybody to assume everything in here is mine," Rainey said. "I wanted them to have their own identity."

While her custom signs and her interior decorating skills are apparent throughout



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Codee Rainey and her husband Ross renovated the building together.

the space, she is strives to promote other artists in her community.

"It gets to where people get so wrapped up in there being a competition," Rainey said. "I think everybody should really grow their strengths and promote each other. I don't know why you wouldn't want everybody to succeed."

The Roost will also be available to rent for various events. The space holds up to 30 people with a \$75 per hour base price for renting.

"It's a great addition to the downtown area!" said Maria Mentesana, a sophomore sociology major at GC. "It's a really cute and cozy spot for meetings and events."

Rainey uses her own studio, Codee Rainey Designs, for everything from sign painting and custom gift-wrapping

to helping create business models and designing logos for other small businesses.

Her studio is a homey space with a couch and toys for her children to play with whenever she needs to bring them along. She has a wooden worktable and a blue desk with her logo outlined in light bulbs on the wall behind it.

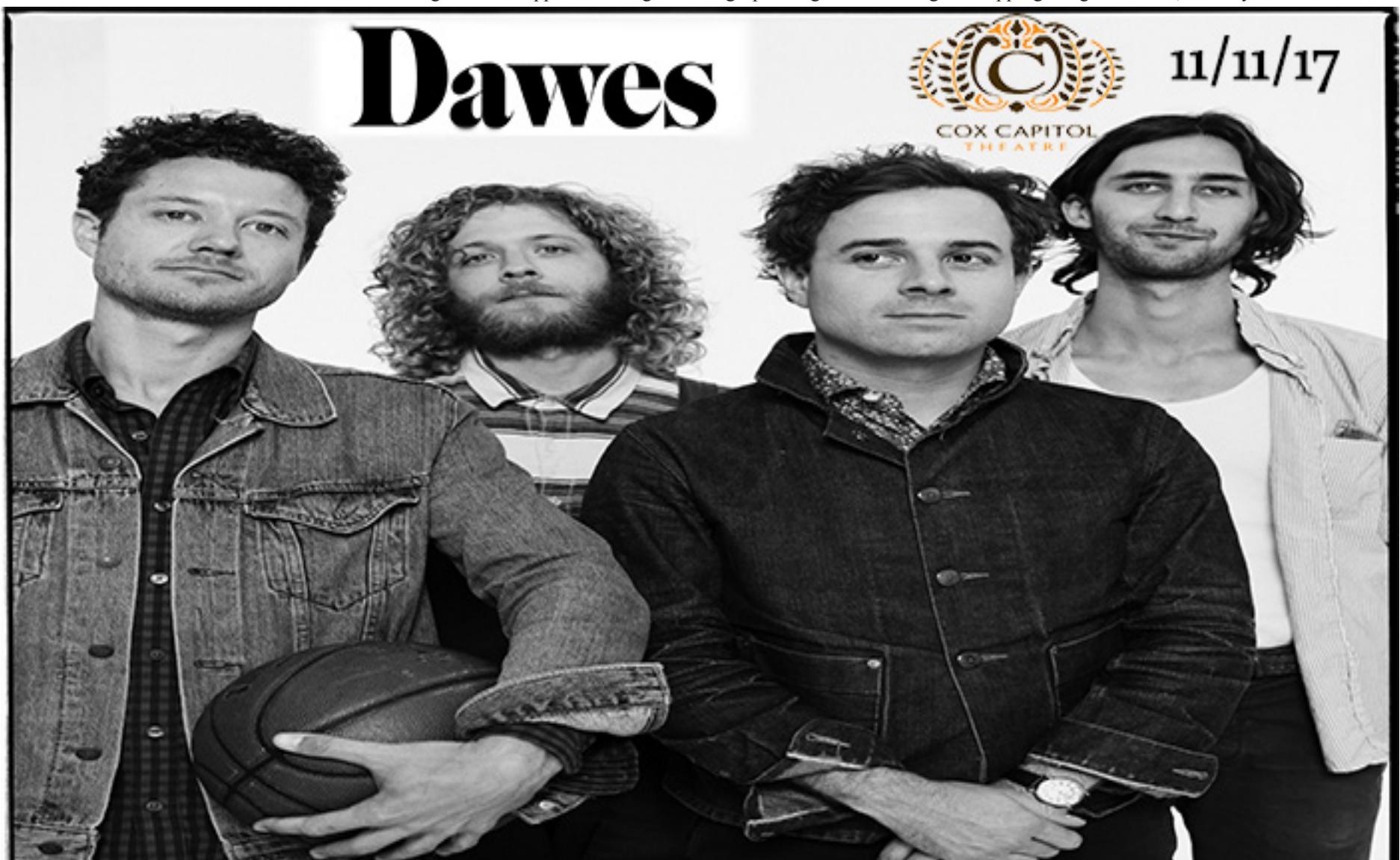
Rainey grinned as she told the story about one late night at work when she decided to listen to a book called "The Magnolia Story," by well-renowned interior designer Joanna Gaines.

It turns out Gaines's first brick and mortar was an old gas station with lots of windows across the street from a church, similar to The Roost.

"That's when I knew I had made the right decision," Rainey said.



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Beeson Hall reopens after major renovations

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Georgia College celebrated historic Beeson Hall's grand reopening on Friday, Nov. 3. This historic building had not seen any major refurbishments since its construction in 1937.

After lying dormant for 21 years, Beeson Hall underwent massive renovations to provide more office space for several departments and a myriad of opportunities for GC students.

The building was named after J. Luther Beeson, who taught chemistry at Georgia College from 1897 to 1926 and served as president until 1934. Three years later, Beeson Hall was built with New Deal funding and used as a residence hall for students and faculty until 1996, when it was no longer needed to house students.

Since then, it has been used as swing space for faculty offices as other buildings have been renovated. Beeson Hall, lacking modern heating, air conditioning, electric and wiring systems, has been in dire need of renovation.

"When regarding the restoration of this building, we wanted to capture the value of its post-Depression heritage while rejuvenating its usefulness with modern technology: state-of-the-art facilities to meet today's current demands for offices, meeting spaces, collaborative areas and laboratories," said Dr. Steve Dorman, president of Georgia College.

The construction team focused on preserving the historic nature of the building during the renovation, choosing to save close to 80% of the original hardwood floors from 1937 and reintroducing design elements that had been forgotten in minor renovations over the years.



GC President Steve Dorman speaks at Beeson Hall's grand reopening.

Of the overall \$11.1 million budget funded by the state, between \$8.4 and \$8.5 million were spent on construction alone. The rest of the budget was spent in FF&E (furniture, fixtures, and equipment) and in the building's accessibility through features such as an elevator and three entrances.

Beeson Hall now accommodates offices for the departments of World Languages & Cultures, Geography, Philosophy & Liberal Studies, Mass Communications (as Terrell Hall is being renovated), the Center for Program Evaluation & Development and the physics program.

"Beeson Hall is a huge development for our Physics program, especially when it has the potential to be within the top five or even number one in the country for largest class of graduating physics majors in the 2018 Fiscal Year," said Dr. Ken McGill, chair of the chemistry and physics department. "We are so grateful to have the space we need for labs and research to provide a high-quality and beneficial experience for both our students and faculty at Georgia College."

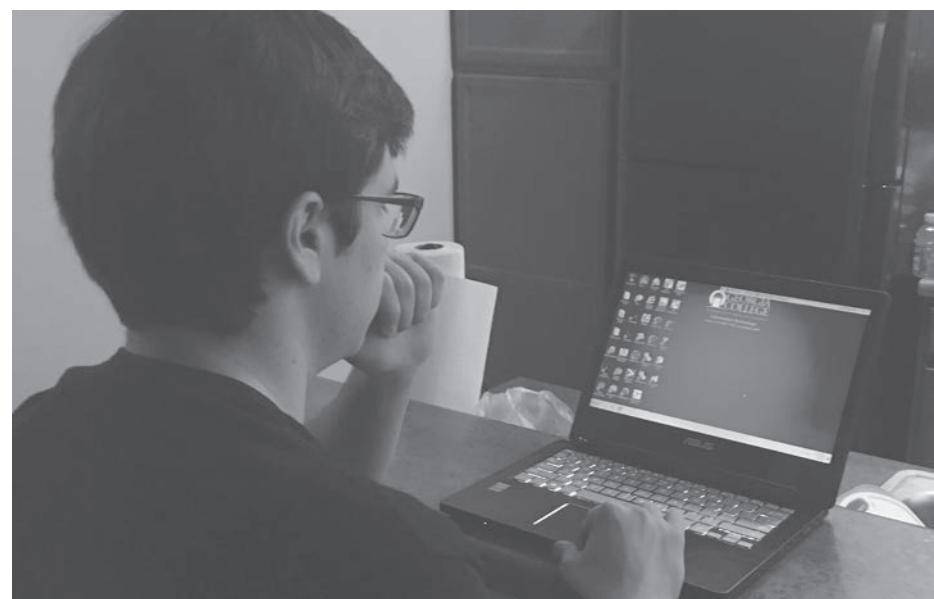
Junior Aidan Burleson, a physics major, said the physics program's research groups have more space to work in Beeson than they did in Herty Hall, where all the research groups were cramped into one room.

"The new labs feel fresh and provide a better working environment for research and for lab classes," Burleson said.

Mark Bowen, senior project manager on the renovation, said he is extremely proud of the work that has been done on Beeson Hall.

"I have walked by this building for over 20 years as a staff member wishing we could do something with it," Bowen said. "It's exciting for me that everyone will be able to appreciate and use the space to add to the same history of Georgia College which we worked so hard to preserve."

Few GC students utilize \$260,000 worth of Thundercloud software



Scott Ferguson / Contributing Photographer

Junior accounting major Jonathan Novajosky accesses a GC desktop and software from his laptop in his apartment using Thundercloud.

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Few GC students are accessing Thundercloud, software that allows all students to remotely access a GC desktop from their home laptop, after Information Technology Services spent \$260,000 over the summer to update it.

Data from the technology department shows that only 30 to 50 students are using Thundercloud's remote access capabilities on a daily basis. A few professors have introduced Thundercloud to their classes to allow students to access programs provided by the university for class assignments.

"If I had known about Thundercloud, it would have saved me many late night trips to campus this semester to use Photoshop and InDesign on the school computers," said Katy Swendsen, a mass communication major.

Ed Stanley, director of technology services, said the usage of Thundercloud has been kept very concentrated because, prior to the update it received over the summer, a maximum of 100 students could be logged in at one time.

"We haven't done a grand advertising plan because just two months ago is when we got the new environment setup that could handle a larger capacity," Stanley said.

The update to Thundercloud increased the user capacity by 400. The expenditure was put towards new servers, additional storage and licensing costs. The new software environment functions more smoothly and faces less bugs.

The most common majors who use

Thundercloud are biology, chemistry, mass communication and geography. Students who use the current Thundercloud environment benefit by having the ability to access a campus desktop from anywhere, at any time.

"The fact that it opens up all of the school's high-end programs and makes them accessible to us through remote connection is so convenient," said Chris Mott, a mass communication major and frequent Thundercloud user.

Thundercloud's remote access technology is provided by a computer software company called VMware. The revolutionary technology has come a long way, but occasional bugs still interrupt the software's functionality.

"Virtualization and virtual desktops are still an emerging technology, and it's a really complicated system to implement," said Professor Brad Fowler, a lecturer of Management Information Systems. "I've had it hiccup on me and crash, and it's not great for that to happen, but it doesn't deter me from using it."

Money from student technology fees is being utilized to migrate Thundercloud over to an even newer environment. The upgrade will allow for a drastically higher user capacity and will run more smoothly.

In the new environment, students will be able to access a school desktop through a web browser instead of downloading the software to their laptops. The technology department is aiming to have the new update available sometime in the spring semester.

The current Thundercloud software can be downloaded by visiting <https://thundercloud.gcsu.edu/>. Click "Install VMware Horizon Client," and choose the version that matches the software on the laptop being used.

Senior Ewaldsen earns respect of teammates, 'team mom' title

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Standing as the lone senior on the Georgia College volleyball team, Chandler Ewaldsen can reflect at her three-plus years on campus and know that she put the hard work in to get to this point, both athletically and academically. The starting defensive specialist is constantly viewed by her teammates as the leader of this team, both on and off the court, but her time on the team has not always been easy for the Savannah, Georgia, native. She has had to fight for a spot on the team for most of her time at GC.

And in light of Senior Day, to be celebrated Sunday, Nov. 12, Ewaldsen recently acknowledged that her four-year fight to be a Bobcat has been worth it.

Ewaldsen hails from a family of athletes. Her father, Greg, played basketball for four years at the University of Georgia. Her mother, Gail, played basketball at Gainesville Junior College. As a result, Chandler grew up in athletics. She has competitively played volleyball, soccer and basketball.

"We just encouraged both of our kids to play as many sports as they wanted, and we made sure that they had all the practice and all the dedication that they needed for all three sports," said Gail Ewaldsen. "One season would end and she would go into the next one and she never wanted to pick, and we never made her pick."

Ewaldsen carried those three sports into high school. The 5-foot-9 Ewaldsen was a three-sport athlete at Savannah Christian Academy and in her senior year, propelled her high school volleyball team to the semifinals, as well as captained the basketball team and played soccer. But she knew she could only take one sport to the next level.

"My senior year volleyball season ended and I went into basketball, and then went into soccer and I was like, 'you know, I don't think I've done everything with volleyball that I could have,'" Ewaldsen said. "It's really mental and physical, so I really like both aspects of the game and I just said volleyball, that's what I want to do."

Ewaldsen began the college search, sending out her information to all the Peach Belt Conference schools in addition to schools like

the University of Georgia, Mercer University and Toccoa Falls College. A friend told her about the rising popularity of Georgia College, prompting her to send her recruiting

just try to learn the most you can, absorb everything you can."

Even though Ewaldsen received limited playing time during her first two years, she said that she took notes of others and began to make an impact as a leader on the team, gaining the respect of her peers including Kayla Brockway.

"She leads by example, so it's not what she says, it's what she does," said Brockway, a junior setter. "She's positive, supportive. She doesn't talk just to talk, she talks with

"I was super excited just cause I love trying new things, but I was like starting from the very bottom you know,"

Ewaldsen said. "[I] had played an aspect of that position ever since I played volleyball, but being solely focused on defense and passing and stuff, that was really different. So, at the beginning, I was just like 'I know I'm at the bottom of the totem pole.' I was No. 3 out of the three DSSs that we had, but honestly that pushed me."

Throughout the spring, Ewaldsen tallied countless hours working at the position, through team practices and extra work after practice. Krumdieck said she saw Ewaldsen begin to make strides in her craft and adapt well to the high intensity position.

"There weren't a lot of breaks for her during the matches," Krumdieck said. "I mean she comes out for a server and then she goes right back in, so it's a really quick change, so mentally that can be really tough, but from her standpoint, she handled it really well. She's a pretty tough cookie, so it was challenging but something she got over really quickly."

Ewaldsen competed for the libero spot in early fall 2016, still working her way to the top. Before one of the matches at the Florida Tech Tournament last fall, Krumdieck gave the nod to Chandler to play the libero position.

"I just remember that day... coach pulled us aside

and said, 'Chan, you're going to be libero today,' and I was like, 'Okay, she knows I can do it,'" Ewaldsen, who possess quiet confidence off the court, too, said. "And so, whenever the coaches said like hey, that you've got this and for them to say we trust you, and we trust you to be that leader on the court, I was just like, 'Okay, I got it,' so it was cool."

That was just the beginning of a successful 2016 campaign for Ewaldsen and the Bobcats. Ewaldsen finished tied for the team-high in matches played and sets played that season, while finishing second in the PBC in digs per set (4.99). She also established a new GC single-season record for digs in a season with 569, and holds the single match record with 44 digs. The team followed suit, finishing with the best record in program history while making it to the PBC Tournament for the first time.

"To watch her shift to defense specialist and then the first few games kind of learn how to do that and then take the libero job, which is huge," said Sam Jones, who



information over. She was skeptical about GC being a fit before her visit because she had not heard much about it.

“Honestly, I didn’t have a bunch of expectations,” Ewaldsen said. “I was like, ‘Ah, I’ll just come and whatever, just another recruiting trip,’ but I came and got to meet Gretchen [Krumdieck] and it was a different assistant coach at the time, but just being on campus. We walked around and got to be in the locker room and just see the gym, and I was just like, ‘You know, this is home.’ It was something different about the environment here and I knew from them that that’s where I should be.”

The feeling was mutual for GC head volleyball coach Krumdieck. Krumdieck attended a few of Ewaldsen’s high school games, enough to know she liked the way Ewaldsen handled herself on the court.

“I really didn’t see her play a lot, but it was a pretty easy conversation because I could tell her dedication and her work ethic and she was very mature,” Krumdieck said. “In the recruiting process, it’s really tough to be a 17- 18-year-old kid talking to a college coach about how much you want to come there, and she handled herself really well, and a lot of those intangibles is what really won me over in the long run.”

Ewaldsen came to GC in the fall of 2014 with aspirations of becoming a physician’s assistant and making a difference on the volleyball team.

She joined the team as an outside hitter, a position that is characterized by an attacking mindset. She played in 10 of the team’s 27 matches in 2014, collecting 56 kills in the process. In 2015, Ewaldsen played in 20 matches, but even then, there were three outside hitters who collected more playing time.

“She came in wanting to contribute, wanting to help the team and the first couple of years were hard because she didn’t see much playing time, but she stuck with it,” Gail Ewaldsen said of her daughter.

Greg Ewaldsen saw the perseverance that his daughter possessed and passed on the example from his college experience where he, too, went through a similar phase. “I think just being able to stick with the sport, because in college, every athlete in their respective sports, they’re probably their high school all-star player,” Greg Ewaldsen said. “On the college level, everybody’s good. I think just having that mindset going in there. Working hard, just staying focused on her ability and doing what the coaches say and

broadcast many of volleyball games over the past three seasons and is the current digital media coordinator for GC Athletics. “To come in and all of a sudden just take over that, it’s a really impressive transition to be able to do that.”

This season, as the only senior, Ewaldsen said that she has continued her role as a leader on the team, taking from her own experiences and the experience of her peers before her to be the best leader that she can be. “[Players from the class of 2016 class have] always been there since I’ve gotten here, so just being able to watch them and see how they lead and take things that I like or that I don’t like and be able to mold that into how I want to be a leader on this team has helped a lot,” said Ewaldsen.

On the court, Ewaldsen is one of the first players to high-five her teammates and can be heard cheering on and encouraging her teammates after each play.

Ewaldsen has continued to be the ‘team mom’ for her teammates by looking out for them. Both Krumdieck and Brockway mentioned a signature of Ewaldsen’s is creating a packing list for the team before they travel to ensure that everyone has everything, especially the freshman, who often do not know what to expect toward the beginning of the year.

“She’s been the most welcoming person I think I could ever imagine,” said freshman Libby Bochniak. “She made the freshman transition so easy. She was calling us, texting us, writing us letters over the summer, just making it really feel like a family and a home before we ever got here, so she’s been a great leader on the team so far.”

As Ewaldsen continues to lead the Bobcats in her senior year, she often reflects on the experiences that will help her in life after she graduates in May 2018. Even though this is the last year of her volleyball career, she plans to continue to chase her dream of becoming a PA, and is looking at applying to PA school at schools such as Augusta University, Mercer University, MUSC, Charleston and Emory University.

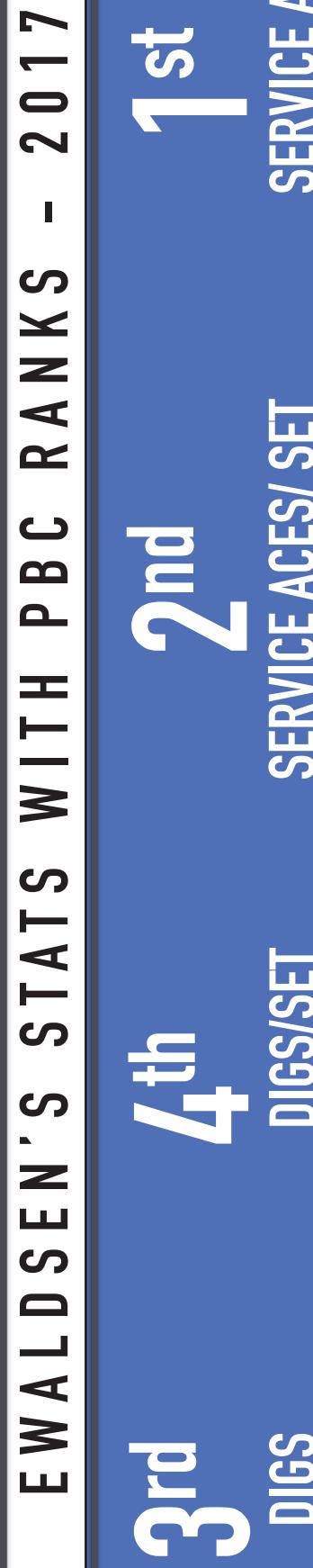
Whichever road she takes, Ewaldsen said her experiences at GC have helped prepare her for the next chapter of her life. She said, “I think being an athlete has just prepared me with time management and being able to put my mind to it and say hey, like this has to get done and like we have a game tonight, we’re traveling, so we have to do it, and just having that mindset going on into PA school hopefully and then into the work field.”



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Milly's Guide to Fall Fashion

By *Saskia Lindsay*

Milledgeville's boutiques have some of the latest trends for a stylish fall in the south. Firefly Boutique, French Vill'edge, and Miles of Styles tell us what to wear—and what not to wear—this fall.

Avery Hutcheson, an employee at Firefly, described all the newest styles that the boutique has to offer. Hutcheson's first piece of advice? Layering. Pair a cute long-sleeve top with a vest, and you're good to go.

Crushed velvet (especially pants), leather leggings (yes, leather is still in!), and bell-bottom jeans are super cute go-to's for bottoms. Of course, with your bottoms, don't forget the perfect booties to go along with your outfit.

Thigh-high boots are still a popular trend this fall, paired with a chunky sweater to create an edgy fall look. Distressed everything—jeans, tops, skirts, and even purses—are very in this fall.

One of Hutcheson's pieces of advice of what not to do is don't stress too much about matching.

"Trying to match everything is definitely out," said Hutcheson. "Like wearing black and brown or black and blue—who cares? No one cares about that anymore."

And, good news: Hutcheson said you can still wear white after labor day!



The French Vill'edge had some great fashion tips to share, too. The store's owner Adeline Bramlett said one unusual, but popular, trend right now is long sleeve tops under tank tops. This way, you can still wear that super cute tank top that you thought was only for summer—under your long-sleeve top!

Bramlett said that prints are not as big this year. If you do wear prints, keep it simple, she advised.



Miles of Styles on North Columbia Street has a more eclectic sense of style. Owner Heidi Martin said that boho is the look this fall. It may be a more unusual look, but your outfit will be eye-catching. Martin advised to pair your boho outfit with a floppy hat.

The main colors to wear this fall are olive green, maroon and mustard.

Martin said tall boots, including cheetah print and faux snake skin, are the perfect way to complete your outfit. One thing Martin said to stay away from this year are boot-cut jeans. Replace those boot-cuts with a cute pair of patterned leggings or flare jeans.

"The 70's are major, major in this fall," said Martin.

Like the very popular 70's trend, simple and long jewelry should be your accessory of choice, especially long earrings to frame your face. More good news: chokers are still in.





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